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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the disclosures attached and listed on completed Form PTO/SB/08a to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application.

JP-08-506363 corresponds to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,385,983 and 5,447,727. JP-2003-082107 corresponds to U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0020199. JP-2003-105092 corresponds to U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0106745. JP-09-309916 corresponds to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,026,800, 5,244,735 and 6,087,002.

In accordance with the amendments to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a), copies of U.S. patents and published applications cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a are not enclosed.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after receipt of a final Office Action, submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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